

REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action (mailed 12/30/04), Claims 1, 6, and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

For the reasons set forth more fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

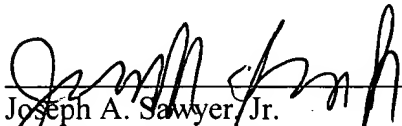
In the recited invention, boundary conditions are established and a position is tracked to allow a comparison of the position to the boundary conditions to identify whether a portable computer system has violated the boundary conditions. When, as a result of the comparison, the position is determined to violate the boundary conditions, anti-theft routines are performed. When, as a result of the comparison, the position is determined to not violate the boundary conditions, a preset calling function at preset intervals is utilized to identify a location of the portable computer system. Further, see page 8, lines 12-22: "if the portable computer 30 remains 'in-bounds' but is stolen, the scheduled reporting feature of the present invention allows the location of the stolen computer to be reported." In this manner, if the portable computer system is located somewhere unknown to its owner (i.e., potentially stolen) and is still within the preset boundary conditions (i.e., when it has not violated the boundary conditions by its tracked position), the owner is made aware of its location and can recover the portable computer system based on the reported location information. Thus, either anti-theft routines or a preset calling function at preset intervals occurs based on the result of a comparison between a tracked position and boundary conditions. Applicant has amended the independent claims to more clearly recite that a calling function is utilized to provide location information based on when a tracked position has not violated boundary conditions.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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